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(54) **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENHANCING THE EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION IN AN ALPHANUMERIC PAGING NETWORK**

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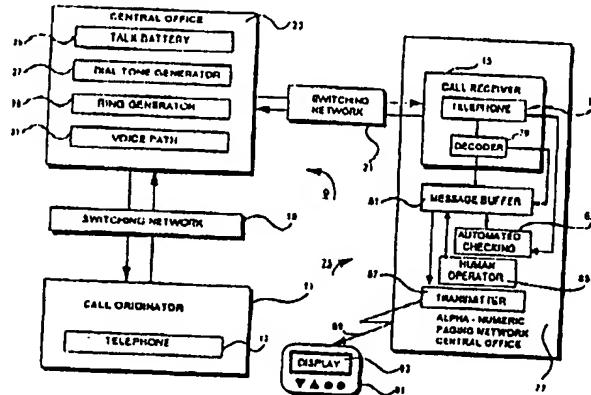
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ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus is described for enhancing the communication of data in an alphanumeric paging network. In accordance with the present invention, caller-identification information is automatically transmitted through a telephone network to a central office of a alphanumeric paging network when a page-originating communicant engages the network. The caller-identification information preferably includes numeric data which identifies the telephone number of the particular telephone unit utilized by the page-originating communicant to engage the alphanumeric paging network, and alphanumeric text which identifies the entity associated in the telephone directory with that particular telephone number. This information may be utilized in an automated fashion to reduce the required interaction between the alphanumeric paging network and the page-originating communicant. In particular it is helpful in minimizing the amount of human interaction required. The page-originating communicant may be challenged or queried to determine the veracity and accuracy of the information transmitted in the caller-identification signal, preferably in an automated fashion utilizing a synthesized voice presentation of questions coupled with responses provided by the page-originating communicant with the key pad of the particular telephone being utilized by him or her. The page-originating communicant may then be optionally engaged by a human or automated operator which then receives an optional message for transmission to the page-receiving communicant along with the caller-identification information. Upon receipt, the portable communication device carried by the page-receiving communicant decodes the information and utilizes it in a manner to determine what is displayed on the display of the portable communication device.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPROVED PAGING RECEIVER AND
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of which the following is a specification:



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1 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION
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5 1. Field of the Invention:
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8 This invention relates in general to communications systems and in particular
9 to communications systems which include paging devices.
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12 2. Description of the Prior Art:
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15 Numerous companies are attempting to improve the manner in which people
16 communicate over wireless systems. The present invention addresses many
17 deficiencies in the prior art systems.
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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This Application claims the benefit of the filing date under 35 USC §§119 and/or 120, and 37 CFR §§1.60 and 1.78 to the following U.S. and U.S. provisional patent applications, and is a continuation-in-part of the U.S. patent application:

1. U.S. provisional patent application serial no. 60/005,029, filed on October 6, 1995, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Improved Paging Receiver and System"; and

2. U.S. patent application serial no. 08/177,851, filed on January 5, 1994, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Enhancing the Efficient Communication of Information in an Alphanumeric Paging Network".